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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Pierre STEVENS : Group Art Unit: 2131  
Serial No. 09/468,621 :  
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For: *UNIVERSAL INTELLIGENT CARD FOR* :  
*SECURE ACCESS TO SYSTEM FUNCTONS* :

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §10.40 (c)

VIA FACSIMILE (703) 746-7239  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231  
Attn: Director, Group Art Unit 2131

## REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW

1. I, an attorney signing below, respectfully request permission to withdraw this law firm from all further responsibility in this case, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.36.

## LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF CLIENT

2. The last known mailing address of the :  
inventor(s) is:  
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**BASIS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**

3. The basis for the withdrawal is pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 10.40(c)(vi); which states, "The client has failed to pay one or more bills rendered by the practitioner for an unreasonable period of time or has failed to honor an agreement to pay a retainer in advance of the performance of legal services." In this case the client, Ecom Enterprises, Inc., has failed to pay bills rendered. Reminders have been sent. I have taken all reasonable steps to avoid foreseeable prejudice to the rights of the client by giving the client ample time for employment of another practitioner. A copy of all papers relating to this patent application are being turned over to the client.

Withdrawal from this matter is respectfully requested.

Please call the undersigned if that would expedite the withdrawal from this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION**

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